

# CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT #15

## DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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### CHRISTMAS VACATION

School will be dismissed at 1:00 pm on Friday, December 19, for Christmas vacation. Lunch will be provided and the buses will run at 1:00 pm. School will resume on Monday, January 5, 2026. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Custer School Music Department will present its Christmas Program on Thursday, December 18, at 6:30 pm. All music students in grades K-12 will be performing some of your favorite holiday tunes. The evening will end with a visit from our favorite man dressed in red. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and enjoy the wonderful Christmas music.



### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Students of the month for October are Easton Vuckovic, Brylee Barber and Matthew Pineda. Congratulations!

### FRESHMAN CLASS

Our freshman class will be conducting the Pop Shot at half time of the varsity basketball games played in Custer. Thank you for your support as it is so appreciated.

### HONOR BAND NEWS

Congratulations to Haley Gasvoda (Clarinet), Daniel Dooley (Flute) and Bryar Abel (alternate for Bari Sax) for being selected to perform with the Tri-County Honor Band. They were selected for their outstanding audition and will begin rehearsals in January. These students will be among 75 chosen for the band.

### LADY REBELS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Congratulations to the Lady Rebel Volleyball Team 2025! We finished 2nd at Districts in Absarokee, bringing home a plaque. We then went on to Divisionals in Laurel and unfortunately didn't place to move onto State in Bozeman. Our Rebels had a great season and lots of fun making wonderful memories this year. We want to thank the community for all of the support we received this season. Thanks go out to the parents, guardians, volunteers, school personnel, and community members for your help and support all season.

### REBEL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON

Congratulations to our Rebel Football Team 2025! You had a great season this year as we had an amazing talented group of boys out this season. We want to thank the community and the parents for all of their support and hard work coming together to help make this season a great success!

## **SUPERINTENDENT NEWS**

As many of you have probably noticed, the new gym roof is currently being replaced. The hail storm summer of 2024 did a lot of damage and created some leaks. We have moved P.E classes to the old gym, but we are still having practice in the new gym as the roofers are done working on the roof by the start of practice. We are expecting the roof to be completed in early December and no later than December 20th, when we have our first home game against Park City.

In the past year we have done a lot of work on the school. With major changes to the heating registers and blower as well as retubing the boiler. The boiler is now running at higher pressure than we could the past 2 years and heating the school has become much easier. The school heating should be much more consistent this year than in the past 2 years.

Debbie Myhre is retiring as head cook just short of 30 years and driving school bus over 30 years of service. We are thankful for all the work that she has put into the school over the years and wish her and Monty a wonderful retirement!!! Michelle Larson has been hired as head cook starting in December. We hope to make this transition as seamlessly as possible.

Thanks everyone for your continued support!!!!

## **STATE TESTING UPDATE**

Custer Public Schools wrapped up MAST testing on **December 5th**. Thank you to our students for their effort and focus throughout the fall testlets.

### **Kite Parent Portal**

Families can now access their child's individual testlet score reports through the **Kite Parent Portal**.

**Parent Portal Login:** <https://parentportal-testlet.kiteaai.org/login>

Visit the Parent Portal login page.

Enter the email address on file with Infinite Campus at the school.

Follow the prompts to set your password.

After logging in, select your student to view available testlet score reports.

A step-by-step guide is available in the *Kite Parent Portal Manual*, which explains navigation, report access, and troubleshooting.

### **Reading Score Reports**

The Parent Portal provides clear information on your student's progress, including strengths and areas needing support. Helpful guides and short videos, such as the Testlet-Level Student Report Interpretive Guide, are available in the Portal to walk families through how to read testlet score reports.

## **YARD SIGNS**

The sophomore class has about a dozen Go Rebels yard signs left for sale if anyone still wants one for basketball season or is looking for a fun Christmas gift. They are \$20 each. Contact a sophomore or Miss Ickes.

## **BPA NEWS**

Our BPA members have been selling wreaths and holiday breads this season. We would like to thank those who have bought from us this year. We ordered extra wreaths, if anyone is interested, please contact Ms. Heil or a BPA member. Thank you again! If you have not gotten your order by December 3, please contact Ms. Heil at the school. Our BPA regionals will be held in Baker, Monday, December 8th. (No School Day) Members also, will be making and selling the Community Calendars soon. If you would like to add a birthday, anniversary, or if you have any corrections to last year's calendar, please contact Ms. Heil at 856-4117.

## **HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL AND HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING**

High school basketball and wrestling practice started Thursday, November 20. Jordan Strecker and Teia Kolb will be coaching our girls basketball. Brady Ruff and Joel Strecker will be coaching our boys basketball. Our high school wrestling coach this season will be Caleb Scott. Have a great season Rebels!

## **LITTLE DRIBBLERS K-4 GRADES**

Little Dribblers will play at all of our home games in Hysham and Custer after the new year. Chad Fink and Wade Keller will be putting this together. There will be no practices over the weekend. Just be there on game day two hours before the games begin. If you have any questions, you may reach out to Chad at 406-351-1551 or Wade at 406-861-7159.

## **REBEL JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SEASON**

At our Custer tournament that we hosted Saturday, November 15, our boys took first place! Great job to all of our girls and boys Rebel junior high basketball players this season as you did an amazing job!

## **FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE NEWS**

Students have been working through Ancient Egypt, force and motion, and reading The Golden Goblet, a historical fiction also set in Ancient Egypt. They are very excited for the field trip to the Museum of the Rockies Nov 21. The no name pile is getting smaller so continue to put your name on your papers. If your child does not have scissors or glue sticks please send some ASAP. We use them a lot with our interactive notebooks. My website is <https://sites.google.com/custerschools.org/5thand6thgrade/home> it has schedules, announcements, infinite campus link, and spelling words! It will be linked on the school website soon but this is the direct link. Please encourage your children to shower every or every other night with soap, deodorant use is also encouraged and appreciated! An **opt out** form was sent home this week with students. They will be participating in a hygiene/handwashing/puberty presentation from the school nurse December 1. Continue to practice spelling words and filling out your reading tracker! There is only a few weeks left of the quarter, so make sure you're keeping your grades up. No late work will be accepted after we leave for break.

## **LUNCH BILL REMINDER**

If a parent's bill goes above \$50.00 per student that they have in the school, we notify them that they have 30 days to pay. If a parent does not pay their bill or make arrangements with the superintendent, failure to pay, may result in your bill being turned into the collections service.